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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a colle of information unless it displays a valid OMB of Docket Number (Optional) PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) FY 2009 78857 105417 (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).) Application Number 10/596,480 Filed February 27, 2007 Method for Controllin a Valve and Method for Controlling a Pump/Nozzle Device with a Valve For Art Unit 3747 Examiner Jorg Beilharz, et al. This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below): Fee Small Entity Fee \$65 \$ 130 One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$130 \$245 Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$490 Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$1110 \$555 Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$1730 \$865 \$1175 Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$2350 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-4871 . I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. I am the applicant/inventor. assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71 Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96). attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 39,903 attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34. Signature Date R. William Beard, Jr. 512.457.2026 Typed or printed name Telephone Number

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